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Applicants: Marc Feldmann and Ravinder N. Maini

Serial No.: 09/754,004 Examiner: P. Gambel

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For : TNF α ANTAGONISTS AND METHOTREXATE IN THE

TREATMENT OF TNF-MEDIATED DISEASE

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Sir:

PETITION FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

On November 4, 2003, a Final Office Action was issued in connection with the subject application. On February 4, 2004, applicants filed a Communication In Response To November 4, 2003 Final Office Action. On March 26, 2004, an Advisory Action was issued indicating that the February 4, 2004 Communication has been considered but not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance. On May 4, 2004, applicants filed a Notice Of Appeal and a Petition For A Three-Month Extension Of Time, and paid \$950.00 for a three-month extension of 2004, applicants' undersigned On July 27, attorney, Alan J. Morrison, Esq. had a telephonic interview with Examiner Philip Gambel concerning the March 26, 2004 Advisory Action. On August 6, 2004, applicants filed a Supplemental Amendment Regarding

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Examiner's Interview And Petition For A One-Month Extension Of Time, and paid \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time. On November 9, 2004, Mr. Morrison had a telephonic interview with Examiner Gamble concerning the August 6, 2004 Supplemental Amendment. On December 2, 2004, an Advisory Action was issued indicating that the August 6, 2004 Supplemental Amendment will not be entered because it raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search and it is not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.

A Brief on Appeal was originally due July 6, 2004, based on the May 6, 2004 receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the Notice of Appeal mailed May 4, 2004.

Applicants hereby request an additional four-month extension of time for filing a Brief on Appeal. The required fee for an additional four-month extension of time is ONE-THOUSAND NINE-HUNDRED AND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$2,080.00 - \$110.00 = \$1,970.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. With the additional four-month extension of time, a Brief on Appeal is now due December 6, 2004, and an RCE and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are being submitted in lieu thereof. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today and the RCE and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement being filed concurrently herewith are timely filed.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$1,970.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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